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Title: EVALUATION CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND/OR

LOCATING FAULTY DATA WORDS IN A DATA STREAM $T_{\rm N}$

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2008. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: